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Twenty-Ninth County Council

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MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER SESSION, 1878.

TUESDAY, the 10th day of December, 1878, first day of the third session of the 29th County Council.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

The roll was called and the following members were present, viz.:

Messrs. The Warden, Barber, Wyckoff, Lewis, Robertson, Jull, Clement, E. M. Crysler, Mabee, Chamberlin, Ostrander, A. Crysler, Gillies, Alexander, Morgan, Newman, Reid, Nickerson, and Green.

The minutes of the two previous days of the last session were read and approved.

The Warden read several communications, &c., which were laid on the table.

No. 1.—On motion of Mr. Gillies, seconded by Mr. Alexander,

Ordered,

That the County Treasurer's Report be referred to the Committee on Finance, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 2.—On motion of Mr. Jull, seconded by Mr. Robertson,

Ordered,

That the resignation of the Matron of the Poor House be referred to a Committee of the whole Council, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 3.—On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Wyckoff,

Ordered,

That the Report of the Inspector of the Poor House and Industrial Farm, be referred to the Committee on the Poor

House and Industrial Farm, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 4.—On motion of Mr. E. M. Crysler, seconded by Mr. Mabee,

Ordered,

That the Report of the Inspector of Schools be referred to the Committee on Education, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 5.—On motion of Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mr. A. Crysler,

Ordered,

That this Council do now adjourn to meet again to-morrow.

And the Council adjourned accordingly.

Attest,

JAMES ERMATINGER,

County Clerk,

County of Norfolk.

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WEDNESDAY, 11th day of December, 1878, second day of
the third regular session of the 29th County Council.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

The roll was called and the following members answered to their names, viz.: Messrs. The Warden, Barber, Wyckoff, Lewis, Robertson, Jull, Clement, E. M. Crysler, Mabee, Chamberlin, Ostrander, Albert Crysler, Gillies, Alexander, Morgan, Newman, Reid, Nickerson and Green.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Warden read the communications received

No. 1.—On motion of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Reid,
Ordered,

That the petition of C. C. Rapelje, Esq., and others, be received and referred to the Committee of the whole Council with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 2.—On motion of Mr. Newman, seconded by Mr. Clement,

Ordered,

That the communication of James Ermatinger, Esq., be referred to the Committee of the whole with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 3.—On motion of Mr. Jull, seconded by Mr. Green,
Ordered,

That the report of the Surgeon of the Gaol and Poor
House be filed in the Clerk's Office for reference.

No. 4.—On motion of Mr. Chamberlin, seconded by Mr.
Mabee,

Ordered,

That the list of lands advertised for sale for taxes by the
County Treasurer for this year be filed in the Clerk's office for
future reference.

No. 5.—On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr.
Wyckoff,

Ordered,

That the suggestions of the Judge respecting a short-hand
reporter for the County Court, and also concerning the heating
of the Court Room, be referred to the Committee of the whole
with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Barber brought up the report of the Committee on
Finance on the County Treasurer's report.

No. 6.—On motion of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Reid,
Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz. :

"Your Committee, to whom was referred the County Treas-
urer's report, respectfully submit: That the present state of
the finances of the County, considering the general depression,
and the additional expenses incurred in building a new Poor
House, is satisfactory.

"Your Committee would recommend the report to be filed
in the Clerk's Office for future reference."

H. J. BARBER, Chairman.
CHARLES ROBERTSON.
WILLIAM MORGAN.
NELSON GREEN.
T. L. GILLIES.
JOHN OSTRANDER.
GEORGE W. NEWMAN.
JOHN JULL.
LEVI LEWIS.

Committee Room, 11th December, 1878.

No. 7.—On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Morgan,

Ordered,

That this Council do now go into a Committee of the whole, to consider the several matters referred to it.

And the Council went into Committee of the whole at 4 o'clock, p.m. and rose at 5 o'clock, p.m.

No. 8.—On motion of Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Newman,

Ordered,

That this Council do now adjourn until to-morrow.

And the Council adjourned accordingly.

Attest,

JAMES ERMATINGER,

County Clerk,

County of Norfolk.

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THURSDAY, 12th day of December, 1878, third day of the third regular session of the 29th County Council.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

The roll was called and the following members answered to their names, viz. :

Messrs. The Warden, Barber, Wyckoff, Lewis, Robertson, Jull, Clement, E. M. Crysler, Mabee, Chamberlin, Ostrander, A. Crysler, Gillies, Alexander, Morgan, Newman, Reid, Nickerson, and Green.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Warden read some communications which were laid on the table.

No. 1.—On motion of Mr. Jull, seconded by Mr. Wyckoff,

Ordered,

That the application of Robert Little be referred to the Committee of the Whole with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 2.—On motion of Mr. Nickerson, seconded by Mr. Mabee,

Ordered,

That the propriety of this Council to memorialise the

Lieut.-Governor and Council of Ontario to grant aid to the Port Dover and Lake Huron and Stratford and Lake Huron Railways to continue their road to Tobomer harbor, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 3.—On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Robertson,

Ordered,

That the various accounts presented, viz.: For the Poor House; Dr. Hayes' acc. against the County of Haldimand; acc. on Charity chargeable to the county; Dr. Hagerman's acc. for services rendered; the Sheriff's return; and accounts due for the equalisation of assessment for school sections, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Crysler brought up the report of the Committee on Poor House and Industrial Farm on the report of the Inspector.

No. 4.—On motion of Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Morgan,
Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted, and that The Warden be authorised to draw his check on the County Treasurer in favor of L. H. Hunt, Esq., for the sum of fifty dollars for extra services in connection with the burning of the Poor House, and the corporate seal be attached to this resolution to give it the effect of a By-Law.

BY-LAW No. 214.

Attest,

JAMES ERMATINGER,

County Clerk,

County of Norfolk

} (Signed)

WM. WILSON,

Warden.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz.:

"Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Inspector of the Poor House and Industrial Farm, beg leave to report that they have examined the same carefully and would recommend the report to be filed in the Clerk's office.

"In reference to the sale of a piece of land to Mr. Hunt, adjoining his lot, we would recommend that one acre be sold to him for the sum of fifty dollars, reserving the gate and fence.

"Your committee would also recommend that the sum of

fifty dollars be given to L. H. Hunt, Esq., for extra services in consequence of the burning and rebuilding of the Poor House."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. M. CRYSLER, Chairman.

JOHN JULL.

JAMES D. CLEMENT.

O. MABEE.

H. J. BARBER.

LEVI LEWIS.

WILLIAM WILSON.

JAMES R. REID.

NELSON GREEN.

Committee Room, 12th December, 1878.

Mr. Chamberlin brought up the report of the Committee on Education on the report of the Inspector of Schools.

No. 5.—On motion of Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mr. E. M. Crysler,

Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted, and that the Warden be authorised to draw his check on the County Treasurer in favor of the parties mentioned by the Inspector of Schools.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz.:

"Your Committee to whom the above order was referred beg lieve to report: That they have examined the accounts presented by the Inspector of Schools and would recommend he same to be paid, viz.:

I. Mulkins, postage acc.....	\$30 24
A. J. Donly, Stationery	12 05
Livingstone & Co., Stationery	11 05
Dr. J. J. Wadsworth, incidental office acc.....	17 55
Dr. J. J. Wadsworth, assessing U. School Sections....	31 60

Total.....\$102 49

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS CHAMBERLIN, Chairman.

I. G. WYCKOFF.

E. M. CRYSLER.

JAMES R. REID.

JOHN ALEXANDER.

J. NICKERSON.

Committee Room, 12th December, 1878.

No. 6.—Mr. Ostrander gives notice that he will on to-morrow introduce a motion to admit one Eliza Ann Mabee, of Middleton, to the County Poor House, on certain conditions.

No. 7.—On motion of Mr. Wyckoff, seconded by Mr. Lewis,

Ordered,

That this Council do now adjourn to meet again to-morrow at 10 o'clock, a.m.

Attest,

JAMES ERMATINGER,

County Clerk,

County of Norfolk.

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FRIDAY, 13th day of December, 1878, fourth day of the third regular session of the 29th County Council.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

The roll was called and the following members answered to their names, viz. :

Messrs. The Warden, Barber, Wyckoff, Lewis, Robertson, Jull, Clement, E. M. Crysler, Mabee, Chamberlin, Ostrander, A. Crysler, Gillies, Alexander, Morgan, Newman, Reid, Nickerson, and Green.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Warden read some communications which were laid on the table.

No. 1.—On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Wyckoff,

Ordered,

That the Council do now go into a Committee of the Whole to consider the various matters referred to it.

And the Council went into Committee at 10.30 o'clock, a.m., Mr. E. M. Crysler in the chair; arose at 3 o'clock, p.m.

No. 2.—On motion of Mr. Nickerson, seconded by Mr. A. Crysler,

Ordered,

That the report of the Auditors be received and adopted, and the Warden is hereby authorised to draw his check on the

County Treasurer in favor of the claimants for the several amounts allowed.

No. 3.—On motion of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Newman,

Ordered,

That the Sheriff be and he is hereby authorised to procure the various articles required for the gaol as per list.

No. 4.—On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Nickerson,

Ordered,

That the Warden be and he is hereby instructed to Memorialise the Government of Ontario to abolish all class legislation in respect to exemptions from taxation ; and that no property be exempt, with the exception of Churches, School Houses, Grave Yards, and Public Buildings belonging to the Dominion, the Province of Ontario and Municipalities therein, and salaries under four hundred dollars,

And that the 24th rule of this Council be suspended as far as it relates to this resolution.

No. 5.—On motion of Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mr. A. Crysler,

Ordered,

That whereas it might be expedient in some cases to admit to the Poor House parties that have some means but not sufficient to maintain themselves independently ; Be it therefore ordered that the Inspector of the Poor House be and he is hereby authorised to admit Eliza Ann Mabee, of the Township of Middleton by her or her friends paying at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents per week for her maintenance. The same to be paid quarterly in advance, and if not so paid the said Eliza Ann Mabee to be discharged.

No. 6.—On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Wyckoff,

Ordered,

That the Clerk be and he is hereby authorised to procure the necessary blanks for the Assessment, &c., for the various Municipalities of the County ; and the Warden is hereby authorised to draw his check on the County Treasurer for the payment of the same.

Mr. Reid brought up the report of the Committee of the Whole on the petition of C. C. Rapelje, Esquire, and others, and the communication of Mr. Ermatinger.

No. 7.—On motion of Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Newman,

Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz. :

“ Your Committee to whom the above order was referred, after taking into consideration the two questions laid before them, viz. : The want of a larger room for the meetings of the County Council, owing to the increased number of members of the said Council ; the increased accommodation asked for by C. C. Rapelje, Esq., for examining witnesses, &c., (the attainment of both objects being considered desirable), and the winter season not being the best time for making alterations in brick buildings, would recommend that the matter be laid over until the next meeting of this Council.”

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS CHAMBERLIN, Chairman.

Committee Room, 12th Dec'r, 1878.

Mr. Ostrander brought up the report of the Committee of the Whole on the resignation of the Matron of the Poor House.

No. 8.—On motion of Mr. Nickerson, seconded by Mr. A. Crysler,

Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz. :

“ Your Committee of the Whole to whom the above order was referred beg leave to report : That the resignation of the Matron of the Poor House be accepted. It is with regret that your Committee are obliged to accept Mrs. Coleman's resignation as she has faithfully served the County for the last three years.

“ That the engagement of another Master and Matron be referred to the Committee appointed for that purpose at the June session of this Council.”

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS CHAMBERLIN, Chairman.

Committee Room, 12th Dec'r, 1878.

Mr. E. M. Crysler brought up the report of the Committee of the Whole on various accounts presented for consideration.

No. 9.—On motion of Mr. Jull, seconded by Mr. Clement,
Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted and that the Warden be and he is hereby authorised to draw his check on the County Treasurer in favor of the claimants for the several amounts allowed.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz. :

“ Your Committee to whom was referred the above order beg lieve to report.

“ 1st. That the report of the Poor House Furnishing Committee be received and adopted and the following accounts be paid, viz. :

Messrs. Matthews & Hambidge	\$52 49
Messrs. Montross Brothers.....	60 23
Mr. George Jackson	4 00

Total..... \$116 72

“ 2nd. That the account of Dr. Hayes for medicine and attendance for prisoners confined in the county gaol from the County of Haldimand be accepted and the same be rendered to the said County.

3rd. That the following accounts for charity chargeable to the County be allowed, viz. :

To the Warden	\$ 4 63
To the Reeve of Woodhouse	20 00
To the Reeve of Middleton	22 23

Total..... \$46 86

4th. That the accounts of the different Reeves for equalising the assessment of different Union School Sections be allowed, viz. :

Reeve of Windham	\$9 60
Reeve of Middleton.....	5 30
Reeve of Houghton	3 00
Reeve of Townsend.....	7 50

Total..... \$25 40

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. M. CRYSLER, Chairman.

Committee Room, 13th Dec'r, 1878.

Mr. Barber brought up the report of the Committee of the Whole on the employment of a short-hand reporter for the County Court and Sessions.

No. 10.—On motion of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Reid,
Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted and that the Warden be and he is hereby authorised to draw his check on the County Treasurer in favor of Mr. J. P. Mabee for the sum of \$75 for services rendered as short-hand reporter during the current year, and that the Warden be authorised to recommend that an application from him at a salary of one hundred dollars a year be accepted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz. :

“ Your Committee to whom the above order was referred, after carefully considering the same, would recommend the appointment of a short-hand reporter for the local courts of this county in accordance with section 23, chap. 42, Revised Statutes of Ontario, at a salary of one hundred dollars a year and the fees accruing from copies of evidence required by suitors.

“ And the Warden be instructed to draw his check on the County Treasurer in favor of Mr. James P. Mabee, as short-hand reporter during the current year.

“ Your Committee would also recommend that the County Surveyor be instructed to purchase two coal stoves with base burners of the most approved construction for the Court Room and furnish coal for the same.

E. M. CRYSLER, Chairman.

Committee Room, 13th Dec'r, 1878.

Mr. E. M. Crysler brought up the report of the Committee of the Whole on the subject of memorialising the Ontario Government to subsidise the P. D. & L. H. and Stratford & Huron Railways.

No. 11 —On motion of Mr. Mabee, seconded by Mr. Ostrander,

Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz. :

“ Your committee, to whom was referred the above order, after examining the same, would recommend that the Warden be instructed to sign the memorial in favor of the Stratford and Huron Railway, as the representative of this Council.”

E. M. CRYSLER, Chairman.

Committee Room, 13th Dec'r, 1878.

Mr. E. M. Crysler brought up the report of the Committee of the Whole on the application of Robert Little.

No. 12.—On motion of Mr. Gillies, seconded by Mr. Alexander,

Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz. :

“ Your Committee to whom was referred the above order beg leave to report : That they would recommend that the application of Robert Little be laid over to the next meeting of this Council.”

E. M. CRYSLER, Chairman.

Committee Room, 13th Dec'r, 1878.

No. 13.—On motion of Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mr. E. M. Crysler,

Ordered,

That the Warden do now vacate the chair and that H. J. Barber, Esquire, Reeve of Townsend, do take the same.

No. 14.—On motion of Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Mabee,

Ordered,

That the thanks of this Council are due, and they are hereby tendered, to the Warden for the kind, conciliatory and efficient manner in which he has discharged the onerous duties of his office ; and that he is hereby authorised to draw his check on the County Treasurer in his own favor for the sum of Fifty Dollars, to defray the contingent expenses of his office.

No. 15.—On motion of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Reid,

Ordered,

That the Warden do now resume his seat.

Before taking his seat the Warden thanked the Council in a few appropriate words for the honor done him.

No. 16.—On motion of Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mr. Mabee,

Ordered,

That this Council do now adjourn.

And the Council adjourned accordingly.

Attest,

JAMES ERMATINGER,

County Clerk,

County of Norfolk.

